Providing safe drinking water to the people

†3700. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in the country where Government are going to provide safe drinking water during the year 2005;

(b) the steps taken by Government to provide safe drinking water to the people in these villages; and

(c) the extent of money allocated to each State Government for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) Rural Drinking Water is a State subject. The State Governments are responsible for providing drinking water facilities to rural habitations. The Government of India, however, provides financial assistance to the States to supplement their efforts in this direction under a Centrally sponsored scheme, namely Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). During the year 2005-06, an amount of Rs. 4050.00 crore has been allocated for ARWSP. The allocation under ARWSP is bifurcated under different components and released to the States by giving weightage for various parameters as per the following criterion—

Parameter	Weightage in Percentage
(a) Rural Population	40
(b) States under DDP, DPAP, HADP & Special category hill States in terms of rural areas	35
(c) Not Covered/Partially Covered Villages (at 2:1 ratio)	15
(d) Quality affected villages	10
TOTAL:	100

In addition to 13,56,031 fully covered and 60,884 partially covered habitations, about 3500 not covered habitations are targeted to be covered with safe drinking water supply during 2005-06.

Road connectivity to villages

†3701. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages targeted to be connected with the roads upto

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